

What is **SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER** ?

Drug addiction, also called substance use disorder, is a disease that affects a person's brain and behavior and leads to an inability to control the use of legal or illegal drug or medication. (Source: Mayo Clinic)



In 2016, a committee formed to better understand the circumstances surrounding fatal drug overdoses in Ross County. Knowing the who, what, when, where, and how allows for better strategies to be developed to prevent future overdoses.

110

Overdose deaths,
 Ross County,
 2016-2018



75%
 Male victims



16%
 Had children
 under 18



10%
 Veterans



Fentanyl, Methamphetamines

Over the three-year period fentanyl nearly doubled and methamphetamines tripled in appearances on toxicology reports.

↳ Fentanyl is 50 times more potent than heroin.

JULY

Month with highest number of fatal overdoses between 2016-2018

85%

Of fatal overdose victims had a known history of substance use. If you or a loved one is struggling, there are harm reduction options available:

Get Help

Search for treatment providers online at www.pvadamh.org or call the crisis hotline at 740-773-4357 for help and treatment options.

Get Narcan

Call the Health District at (740)779-9652 to get trained and receive lifesaving Narcan, a medication that blocks the effects of opioids and can reverse an overdose.

Get Connected

Support your recovery by connecting with trained Peer Recovery Supporters. Call 740-851-4432 to get connected.